

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES  
GEORGE W PIRTLE SCOUT RESERVATION  
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The Spirit of Camp

The reason Camp Pirtle exists is to have a special place to carry out the Mission Statement of the Boy Scouts of America. Simply stated, Camp Pirtle is a tool to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices.

As leaders, we set the example of stewardship at Camp Pirtle. In this beautiful place, the spirit of camp is found in our actions and attitudes using the Scout Oath and Law as our inspiration.

The following Operational Guidelines were approved by the Executive Committee, East Texas Area Council. These guidelines should provide better stewardship of East Texas Area Council's properties, greater utilization of Council properties during programs and new program opportunities for Scouting units.

**NEVER ALLOWED ON CAMP PROPERTY**  
**FIREARMS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS,**  
**PORNOGRAPHY, FIREWORKS, OR PETS.**

**FEE STRUCTURE RELATIVE TO CAMP USE**

No electricity fee is charged for unit programs held at GWP for individual Packs, Troops, Posts, Crews, or Teams. The unit may camp in regular designated campsites, prepare their own meals, and plan their own programs while coordinating their outdoor program activities with the Camp Ranger.

**ELECTRICITY FEES FOR DISTRICT AND COUNCIL WIDE ACTIVITIES:**

Includes use of program buildings such as Headquarters, Health Lodge, Dining Hall, Cook's Cabin for dining hall workers only and the open-air end of the Nelson building. Does not include the Camp or Program Directors' cabin.

- Events with less than 150 participants - \$186 for weekend use
- Events with 151 to 400 - \$310 for weekend use
- Events with more than 401 participants - \$372 for weekend use

The fees for meal plans at Camp Pirtle include the cost of food supplies and materials, trash removal, cooks to direct kitchen and dining room processes, use of the Dining Hall and kitchen. Each meal costs \$5.00/person for events serving three (3) meals to all activity participants and \$5.50 per meal for events serving two (2) meals to all activity participants. Contact Program Director for further details.

User fees for either the Camp or Program Directors Cabin during any activity - \$40.00/per event

Fees for non-Scouting events will be contracted as a special event fee through the Program Director.

**FAMILY CAMP FEES**

Campsite with no electricity - \$1.00/person/day

Campsite with electricity - \$2.00/person/day

Events held at GWP that have as their sole purpose the improvement of either camp property or program materials are not subject to electricity fees. (example, camp work days)

Any events held at GWP that fall outside the above stated fee structure should be processed through the Program Director.

## PROGRAM MATERIAL FEES SCHEDULE

for materials used outside the summer camp program.

- BB Guns - no charge for use of guns, BB's not included.
- Bow & Arrows - free including bows, arrows, and targets. (\$3 per lost/damaged arrow)
- Canoes - for use on Lake Murvaul only, no charge (includes paddles and life vests for 3 person/canoe)
- Row Boats - no charge, for use on Lake Murvaul only
- Tent Usage - \$10/tent for weekend programs (1-2 nights)  
\$8/tent for weeklong programs (3 or more nights)

Any programs that utilize the following program materials must be conducted while under the directions of a BSA National Camp School certified Director or a National Rifle Association certified instructor.

- Shotguns - \$5/individual plus \$.50/shot (includes gun, ammo and pigeons)
- 22 Rifles - \$5/individual (includes rifle, ammo and targets)
- Black Powder Rifles - \$5/individual plus \$.50/shot (includes powder and supplies)

## PROJECT COPE Program Fees - Minimum of 8 participants

- One day COPE \$25 per person in council, \$30 out of council
- Weekend COPE \$45 per person in council, \$55 out of council
- Learning for Life \$20 per youth member \$35 per adult member
- Teacher in service \$35 per person per 4 hr. session
- Corporate groups \$65 per person/Church groups \$35 per person

## VEHICLES IN CAMP/TRANSPORTATION

- All cars and trucks are to park in the camp's main parking lot. Only vehicles displaying a camp pass issued by the Camp Ranger may enter camp beyond the gates. After transporting troop gear to the campsite the vehicle is immediately returned to the parking lot and the pass to the Camp Ranger.
- All terrain vehicles including four wheelers, golf carts, etc. are not allowed on camp property
- Bicycles are not allowed on camp property unless prior approval is received from the council program director. Bicycle use will be allowed for planned activities with proper safety equipment and supervision such as bicycle safety events and troops working on the cycling merit badge
- During district events, a limit of 6 vehicles may be selected to help in the transport of large items to campsites.
- Personal camping gear such as backpacks should be hiked in to campsites by participants.
- Only employees of East Texas Area Council may operate Camp owned vehicles, including tractors.

## Camp Equipment

All camp owned equipment must be issued or checked out by the Camp Ranger, or by his officially designated individual.

## Training Area

The buildings and program area that make up the training facility should be used primarily for training events and other uses must be coordinated through the Program Director.

## Permanent Gifts to Camp

All gifts in the form of permanent structures or improvements on camp property must first receive written approval from the East Texas Area Council Executive Committee.